

Introduced by Senator Scott

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 66010.4 of the Education Code, relating to the California State University.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 724, as introduced, Scott. California State University: doctoral degrees.

Existing law, known as the Donahoe Higher Education Act, sets forth, among other things, the missions and functions of California's public and independent segments of higher education, and their respective institutions of higher education. Provisions of the act do not apply to the University of California unless the regents of the university act, by resolution, to make them applicable.

Among other things, the act provides that the University of California has exclusive jurisdiction in public higher education to award the doctoral degree in all fields of learning, except that it may agree with the California State University to award joint doctoral degrees in selected fields. With respect to doctoral degrees, the act limits the California State University to awarding these degrees jointly with the University of California, as described above, or jointly with independent institutions of higher education, provided that the proposed doctoral program is approved by the California Postsecondary Education Commission.

This bill would instead authorize the California State University to independently award professional/clinical doctoral degrees, which the bill would define as degrees awarded as part of a post-master's degree program that prepares students for entry to professional practice other than university faculty research and teaching.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 66010.4 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:
3 66010.4. The missions and functions of California's public
4 and independent segments, and their respective institutions of
5 higher education shall be differentiated as follows:
6 (a) (1) The California Community Colleges shall, as a
7 primary mission, offer academic and vocational instruction at the
8 lower division level for both younger and older students,
9 including those persons returning to school. Public community
10 colleges shall offer instruction through but not beyond the second
11 year of college. These institutions may grant the associate in arts
12 and the associate in science degree.
13 (2) In addition to the primary mission of academic and
14 vocational instruction, the community colleges shall offer
15 instruction and courses to achieve all of the following:
16 (A) The provision of remedial instruction for those in need of
17 it and, in conjunction with the school districts, instruction in
18 English as a second language, adult noncredit instruction, and
19 support services which help students succeed at the
20 postsecondary level are reaffirmed and supported as essential and
21 important functions of the community colleges.
22 (B) The provision of adult noncredit education curricula in
23 areas defined as being in the state's interest is an essential and
24 important function of the community colleges.
25 (C) The provision of community services courses and
26 programs is an authorized function of the community colleges so
27 long as their provision is compatible with an institution's ability
28 to meet its obligations in its primary missions.
29 (3) A primary mission of the California Community Colleges
30 is to advance California's economic growth and global
31 competitiveness through education, training, and services that
32 contribute to continuous work force improvement.
33 (4) The community colleges may conduct to the extent that
34 state funding is provided, institutional research concerning

1 student learning and retention as is needed to facilitate their
2 educational missions.

3 (b) (1) The California State University shall offer
4 undergraduate and graduate instruction through the master's
5 degree in the liberal arts and sciences and professional education,
6 including teacher education. Presently established two-year
7 programs in agriculture are authorized, but other two-year
8 programs shall be permitted only when mutually agreed upon by
9 the Trustees of the California State University and the Board of
10 Governors of the California Community Colleges. ~~The~~

11 (2) (A) *The* doctoral degree may be awarded jointly with the
12 University of California, as provided in subdivision (c) and
13 pursuant to Section 66904. The doctoral degree may also be
14 awarded jointly with one or more independent institutions of
15 higher education, provided that the proposed doctoral program is
16 approved by the California Postsecondary Education
17 Commission. ~~Research~~

18 (B) *The California State University may independently award*
19 *professional/clinical doctoral degrees. As used in this*
20 *subparagraph, a "professional/clinical doctoral degree" is a*
21 *degree awarded as part of a post-master's degree program that*
22 *prepares students for entry to professional practice other than*
23 *university faculty research and teaching.*

24 (3) *Research*, scholarship, and creative activity in support of
25 its undergraduate and graduate instructional mission is authorized
26 in the California State University, and shall be supported by the
27 state. The primary mission of the California State University is
28 undergraduate and graduate instruction through the master's
29 degree.

30 (c) (1) The University of California may provide
31 undergraduate and graduate instruction in the liberal arts and
32 sciences and in the professions, including the teaching
33 professions. It shall have exclusive jurisdiction in public higher
34 education over instruction in the profession of law and over
35 graduate instruction in the professions of medicine, dentistry, and
36 veterinary medicine. ~~It~~

37 (2) *The University of California* has the sole authority in
38 public higher education to award the doctoral degree in all fields
39 of learning, except that it may agree with the California State
40 University to award joint doctoral degrees in selected fields, *and*

1 *except as provided in subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of*
2 *subdivision (b).* The University of California shall be the primary
3 state-supported academic agency for research.
4 (d) The independent institutions of higher education shall
5 provide undergraduate and graduate instruction and research in
6 accordance with their respective missions.